

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### **LISTING OF CLAIMS**

1-58. (cancelled)

59. (currently amended) A saw blade having a protective cover comprising:

a saw blade having opposite first and second sides, a peripheral edge and a plurality of teeth that extend along a portion of said peripheral edge; and

a cover made of a heat shrinking material that shrinks and covers said teeth on said saw blade when heat is applied to said cover, said cover having first and second portions with opposite inner and outer surfaces, said first portion of said cover facing said first side of said saw blade, and said second portion being folded over said first portion with said inner surface of said second portion facing said second side of said saw blade and securing portions of said first and second sides of said saw blade and said teeth between said first and second portions, said heat shrinking material directly contacting tips of said teeth of said saw blade.

60. (original) The saw blade having a protective cover of claim 59, wherein:

said saw blade is generally circular; and

said first portion has a generally circular peripheral edge and said second portion extends from said first portion along said peripheral edge of said first portion.

61. (original) The saw blade having a protective cover of claim 60, wherein:  
said first portion has a central opening that is generally circular.
62. (original) The saw blade having a protective cover of claim 61, wherein:  
said first and second portions form a ring shape with an annular channel  
between said inner surfaces of said first and second portions in which portions of said  
first and second sides and said teeth of said saw blade reside.
63. (original) The saw blade having a protective cover of claim 59, wherein:  
said heat shrinking material is PVC.
64. (previously presented) The saw blade having a protective cover of claim  
59, wherein said first portion of said cover is disposed against said first side of said saw  
blade.
65. (previously presented) The saw blade having a protective cover of claim  
64, wherein said second portion of said cover is disposed against said second side of  
said saw blade.